

**Early Grey *Xylocampa areola* (Esper)**

(Normal flight period commences mid March).

Taunton, South Somerset (VC 5), one at m.v. light on 21 December 2000 (James McGill);

Ashill, South Somerset (VC 5), two on 22 December 2000 and singletons on 23 and 27 December 2000, all at actinic light (Eric Kearns).

**March Moth *Alsophila aescularia* (D. & S.)**

(Normal flight period commences March).

Orchard Wood, Taunton (VC 5), three on 30 January (James McGill).

A further two reports are worthy of placing on permanent record, as follows:

**December Moth *Poecilocampa populi* (L.)**

Rowner, Gosport, South Hampshire (VC 11), persisting until 6 January 2000 (Lee Marshall).

**Large Yellow Underwing *Noctua pronuba* (L.)**

Shotton, North Wales, one at m.v. on the morning of 21st January (Colin Jones)

Sadly, no un-seasonal species seem to have found their way to my own garden trap yet. Whatever one's views on the issue of "global warming", it is undeniably the case that the seasons have shifted in recent years. Although some may, perhaps, consider some of these records above to be less than unusual, it is nevertheless worth placing on record, for the longer term future reference, any dates which seems to be at odds with "the norm". I would, therefore, welcome further reports of unusually early or late dates for any moth species, particularly from sites where comparative dates are also available from periods of ten, twenty or even more years ago. These may be sent either as Notes for publication or as records for inclusion in some future summary article. Information from specialists in other Orders of insects is also welcomed.

I am most grateful to the observers whose names appear above for permission to include their records in this present summary.— Colin W. Plant, 14 West Road, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 3QP (E-mail: Colinwplant@compuserve.com).

***Dioryctria schuetzeella* Fuchs (Lep.: Pyralidae) in Dorset**

Further to the earlier notes by Aston (2000. *Ent. Rec.* **112**: 215) and Plant (2000. *Ent. Rec.* **112**: 215-216) adding *Dioryctria schuetzeella* to the county lists for North Hampshire and Hertfordshire, respectively, I would like to record that I took a specimen of this very local pyrale in July 1999 on Parley Heath, Dorset. As far as I am aware this is the first record for Dorset (VC 9). — R. R. COOK, 11 Greensome Drive, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 8BE.